

Docket No.: 50023-145



PATENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of	:	Customer Number: 20277
Taro KATAYAMA, et al.	:	Confirmation Number: 1600
Application No.: 09/931,374	:	Group Art Unit: 2134
Filed: August 17, 2001	:	Examiner: Jonathan Adams

For: AUDIO SIGNAL PROCESSOR, AUDIO PLAYER AND AUDIO DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

**STATUS INQUIRY**

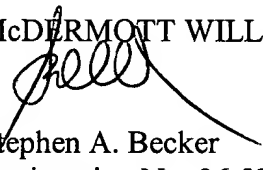
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Sir:

The above-identified application was filed on August 17, 2001. Since more than three and one-half years have elapsed since that date, and no action has been received by attorney for applicant, Applicant respectfully requests that the undersigned attorney be informed of the status of the referenced application. It is noted that the Official Gazette indicates applications filed on or before November 15, 2001 in the above-assigned group art unit should have received an action on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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